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SOCIETY RECREATIONS.

An Enjoyable Drive Whist Given by Mr. and Mrs. Pat Massey

A brilliant and highly enjoyable drive whist sociable was given on Thursday night at their residence by Mr. and Mrs. Pat Massey—complimentary to Miss Fattie White, of Tennessee. It is needless to say that the guests were entertained in a royal manner as the names of the host and hostess are but synonyms of hospitality. At 7 o'clock the guests adjourned to the spacious dining rooms of their entertainers where a beautiful supply of wine and confections awaited them to which all did justice. Among those present were R. H. Downman and Miss Annie Cameron, R. B. Banton and Miss Mollie Burton, T. A. Crawford and Miss Fattie White, Dr. T. H. Leason and Miss Lina Dickey, John Dickey and M. Mattie Jeffries, Alfred Cowan and Miss Mamie C. Simms, W. H. Grider Jr., and Miss Mary Baul, Thompson, G. H. Massey and Miss Julia R. Barton and Moore, Frank Downman and Billie Massey. The prizes in the whist contest were borne off by first, Mr. G. H. Massey and Miss Julia Robertson, second by Mr. T. A. Crawford and Miss Mollie Burton.

H. Gibbs and the Papers

DALLAS, Nov. 9.—I see that the Galveston News, the St. Louis Republican and other democratic papers, in commenting on my declaration in favor of abolishing the entire internal revenue system, claim that by this declaration I forfeit my democracy. In the same interview I asserted my belief in "a tariff for raw wool only," but contended that the two questions should be considered separately. I think that it is the duty of a democratic journal maintaining that opposition to the abolition of the internal revenue system is undemocratic to answer the following questions: Was not the internal revenue system devised and inaugurated by the republican party? Has it not been perpetuated by the republican party? Has any national democratic convention ever indorsed it? If not, how can it be undemocratic to favor its abolition? Don't the records of the courts show that it has been in the hands of the republican party a great engine of oppression to the people of the south? Was there ever devised a system of taxation which involved more espionage or would be used more advantageously to vex and harass the private citizen? Nearly all your congressmen and senators favor taking it off of tobacco. Would this not leave the system and officials? The annual revenue of \$60,000,000 from this source is not needed and constitutes only a portion of the annual surplus income, and why not relieve the people of the unnecessary officials and this undemocratic system now that an opportunity presents itself?

THE CRY IN FAVOR

of taking "the tax off of blankets and leaving it on whiskey" would stand intelligent discussion. The poorer class of people are largely the consumers of tobacco and home-distilled liquors. If a family consumes its use of liquor to medicinal purposes only, they will pay more tax to the government in one year on this article than they would pay on blankets in ten years. Even when the revenue from the internal system was needed I didn't as a democrat believe in it, and can't recall to mind any democratic convention which indorsed it. Whatever tax is raised from liquor and tobacco had best be imposed by state and counties where the revenue is most needed, and where the license system of collection is not so oppressive or complicated. It would probably be better for the citizen that he didn't use either liquor or tobacco, but if he does use it, certainly it will be better for him morally, physically and politically to get them pure and cheap, and being home productions, that no discrimination be made against them.

If this tax on liquor and tobacco is right and proper, even then it is better to abolish the internal revenue system and let the sixty million per annum go into state and county treasuries, where it can be used to advantage. Ha man, to be a democrat, must favor the perpetuation of the internal revenue system, in whole or in part, the newspapers holding this opinion certainly should show some democratic authority for it. I am quite sure that, as matters now stand, a majority of the democratic voters of Texas believe that the internal revenue system is undemocratic and unnecessary, and favor its total abolition. If they are read out by the party, it must be done by due process of law with reference to THE HISTORY,

traditions and platform of the party. In view of the surplus in the treasury and the objections to the internal revenue system in itself, it is safe to say that a vote to perpetuate it in whole or in part will not receive the approval of a majority of the democrats in any district in Texas. Every distiller of liquor and manufacturer of tobacco favors the internal revenue, but the producer and consumer will be found naturally against

it on economic principles, while the masses who are neither producers nor consumers are opposed to it as a piece of useless and oppressive political machinery, justified only as a war measure.

If there is a platform that denies me the right as a democrat to hold these views please give me a reference to it, and perhaps I will recant. Respectfully, BARNETT GIBBS.

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